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1. Ex-General Walter Freytag, the present Volkspolizei (VP) post commander of Dessau (M 52/E 17) and Kochstedt (M 52/E 06), who is nicknamed The Great Elector after Frederick William of Brandenburg, was taken prisoner by the Soviets in Thuringia in 1945. After six months he became a Communist and was given Communist indoctrination. When released from PW captivity in September 1949 he was offered a position as manager of state-owned estates. Eventually he joined the VP. He is now commandant of the VP school in the former Flak Kaserne, Dessau-Kochstedt, and is directly responsible to the Ministry of the Interior. He wears a dark-blue uniform with general's insignia, draws a large salary, owns a car and has a villa, for which he was recently allocated considerable funds for remodeling. *

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* [redacted] Comment. Freytag's brother, an ex-colonel of the German Army, paid a four-week visit to his brother in Dessau in February 1950. An offer to move to the Soviet Zone of Germany was first declined, but he is now planning to accept unless the situation in Western Germany improves for ex-officers.

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